

21 May 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : CIA Operations Center Planning for use of  
6th Floor former SAVA Space

1. The recommendations of the Working Group Study on Operations Centers information flows, etc., dtd 13 Apr 1973 and approved by the Management Committee two months later, states under item 18 j. that an additional 3,000 sq. ft. of adjacent space be made available to the Operations Center as soon as possible. Item 18 k. recommends that if this space is on the 6th floor--and they were of course talking about the SAVA space--a connecting staircase should be constructed as soon as arrangements can be made. These recommendations were made and approved a year ago. In a recent discussion with the DCI I gathered that he still supports their implementation.


2. The major reason for seeking a status report on gaining early use of this space is our need to plan for the potential arrival of two major additions to the Center in FY-75. The first is the combination of the transfer of our present DDS&T unit from our soon to be renovated 7th floor area to the 6th floor space, plus, the addition to this unit of an OWI and SSOC watch representation. The result will be an expanded DDS&T all source watch function encompassing some [redacted] people, not including clericals, plus space for the equipment, displays, etc., which will accompany the OWI/SSOC increment.

3. The other potential addition to the Centers 6th floor space will result from the current redefinition exercise in connection with the Watch Committee of USCIB. Under present CIA plans, the supporting mechanism of this Committee will be transferred from the Pentagon to the CIA Operations Center. The size of the personnel complement that would be involved is still under discussion, but it will involve at a maximum [redacted] additional individuals, again exclusive of clericals. The addition of at least [redacted] clerks to support these functions could bring the total increment to [redacted] individuals.


4. Added to the above is the logic of our claim to this space, especially in its vaulted VAS/RAC crisis area, and the need to make the earliest possible plans for its renovation and use. It is almost twice as large as, and has better accommodations than, the present crisis area in the Operations Center on the 7th floor. It is my hope therefore, that this space can easily be reoriented to accommodate a full-blown CIA--and hopefully community task force of the future.

5. As near as I can determine the present hold-up is part of a general Agency wide reevaluation of space demands and availability involving OD&E, the NIOs and perhaps other elements, as well as our own. We are certainly conscious and sympathetic of the need to move certain people out before a more general movement within the building can take place. At the same time we would be less than frank if we did not express our concern with the significant passage of time that has occurred on this matter. We are also concerned because it appears that the number of NIO's using this space seems to be increasing rather, than as we had hoped, the other way around.

6. What we need for the record at this time is some official idea of the timing involved before we can physically take over the sixth floor premises. With this timing and given the renovation already under-way of the 7th floor we can then develop reasonably firm plans for the 6th floor and hopefully be in a position to accommodate the increments before they descend upon us.

  
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REFERENCE : Your Memo dtd 21 May 74, same subj

*Vince :*

1. In responding to the referent memorandum, let me first assure you that the SAVA space is scheduled for release to the Operations Center. While National Intelligence Officers' (NIO) activities are now housed in that area, they will be relocated to accommodate your requirements. We, therefore, regard the question as not being where you will be located but when?

2. As you are aware, the first step in the "daisy chain" of moves to satisfy your requirement is the move of an Office of Development and Engineering (OD&E), DD/S&T, component from the Headquarters Building. The freed space thus acquired will be used as a starting point toward resolving the Agency's current priority space requirements, i.e., NIO, Operations Center, and the Office of Weapons Intelligence, DD/S&T, expansions.

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and the remaining unit to the [ ] where the required communication equipment is already in place. Unfortunately, another delay may be encountered. As of this writing, we do not have an estimated, let alone a firm, date for the OSA demise. We can assure you that we will continue to push for an early date and that we have already completed plans for a rapid move to the [ ] when the space is made available. We do appreciate your needs and those of the other Directorates to satisfy the requirements at the earliest possible date.

4. To assure the most rapid relocation possible once space is available, I have asked [ ] who is replacing [ ] as Chief, Architectural Design Staff, Logistics Services Division, to contact you immediately and commence preparations of layouts for the sixth floor space. Completion of the layouts at an early date will greatly facilitate your move.

5. With regard to your request for an inclusion of a stairwell between your current seventh floor space and the SAVA space, I have again personally reviewed this matter with the DCI, and he has advised me most emphatically that this item has not met with his approval. Therefore, we do not intend to include any plans for same in the proposed layout.

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Director of Logistics

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